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LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

6:00 P.M.

1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC

EVENING WORSHIP

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But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

EPHESIANS 2:4–5, ESV

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *To God be the Glory* Arranged by Karen Kuhemann

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 38** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* JOANNA

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ **HYMN 437** *O God, to Us Show Mercy* MEIRIONYDD
(*Stanzas 1–2*)

MISSIONS COMMISSIONING

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(*Stanza 3*)

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EVENING PRAYER

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PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Lord's My Shepherd* Arranged by Daniel Burton

Kathryn Rickert, flute; and Audrey Rickert, harp

+ DOXOLOGY

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 4:1–27
(Pew Bible page 529, Children's Bible page 680)

SERMON “Helmwise”

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

PRAYER

+ **HYMN 347** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA
(*Stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6*)

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Peace (Benediction) Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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MEIRIONYDD

O God, to Us Show Mercy (Stanzas 1–2)

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;
Cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;
That so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
And unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
For you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
And through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

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For earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
And all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

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¹ Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive,
that you may gain insight,

² for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

³ When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one
in the sight of my mother,

⁴ he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast
my words; keep my commandments, and live.

⁵ Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn
away from the words of my mouth.

⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and
she will guard you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and
whatever you get, get insight.

⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.

¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.

¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made some one stumble.

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.

²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

²⁴ Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.

²⁵ Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.

²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.

²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

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PRAYER

+ HYMN 347

AURELIA

The Church’s One Foundation (Stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6)

The church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav’n he came and sought her

To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

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